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"PISTOL TOTIN" LAW UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

Court Reverses Its Former Opinion

The "pistol totin" law was declared, last week by the Supreme Court of the State of Alabama, to be unconstitutional.

Justice McClellan, in his opinion, declaring that the famous bill of Col. Sam Will John was passed in violation of Section 62 of the State Constitution.

Section 62 of the Constitution sets out, "No bill shall become a law until it shall have been referred to a standing committee of each House, acted upon by such committee in session, and returned therefrom, which facts shall affirmatively appear upon the journal of each house."

The case upon which the bill was declared to be unconstitutional was that of Lou Tyler vs. the State of Alabama, an appeal from the Bessemer City Court on a rehearing. The Supreme Court on the new point set forth, withdrew the opinion, granted the application, set aside the judgment of affirmance, reversed the judgment appealed from, and discharged the prisoner.

The case of Lou Tyler, who was a constable, or bailiff, of a justice of the peace of Bessemer, attracted wide attention throughout the State on account of the fact that through it the constitutionality of the bill against carrying a pistol having a barrel less than twenty-four inches in length, would be tested. Upon the points presented to the attention of the judges of the Supreme Court, an opinion was rendered whereby the constitutionality of the bill was upheld.

Determined that their client should not suffer the fine and the imprisonment to which he was sentenced by the lower court, attorneys looked up the journal of the House and Senate to find that the bill had been referred to one com-

mittee and reported by another. This was pointed out to be in violation of the section of the State Constitution quoted above, and the Supreme Court was forced to reverse its former opinion.

It's just a case of hard luck for those unfortunates who have been convicted by the courts of the State for a violation of the pistol law, as at present there is no knowledge of a law by which any redress can be had by those convicted by the State.

The State will, of course, immediately release all those now serving sentences by reason of conviction under the former interpretation of the law, expressed by the Supreme Court. Other than this, however, there can be no relief under the statutes as far as can be learned.

SUPPOSED MAD DOG KILLED YESTERDAY.

Policeman Domingus chased and killed a mad dog yesterday, which had bitten some half dozen dogs in the southern part of town. The dog must have been suffering with rabies, for he would jump on every dog that came his way.

Every owner of a bitten dog as far as known, was notified and warned to either kill the dog or keep him tied up for a week or so.

The supposed mad dog was a small animal and seemed to be a cross between a fox and a hound the very kind of sorry dogs that we see so mad.

BOUGHT BLACKSMITH SHOP

Messrs. Lamm and Grayson have purchased from Mr. E. R. Porter the Helms Blacksmith Shop on South Foster street, and have opened up for business again.

R. H. Arrington, of Enterprise, and Mr. Sells, of Ozark, were in town today.

CUTTING SCRAPE.

Julius Waddell and Will Smith pretty severely Saturday night at "Flowers" Chapel, two miles west of town. Smith's windpipe was cut, and both sides of his neck, bare places. The difficulty came up just as the crowd came out of the church, where a debating society was held.

An eye witness says that Waddell was drinking and was using profane language, and that he had been requested to stop, and when Smith came out of the church, with his sister, that Waddell cursed in her presence, and hit Smith and Waddell went to either, he thought, among their fists. When they were separated, it was found that Waddell had been armed with a knife on Smith. It was said that Smith had no knife.

Waddell's side of it is that Smith had a knife and that it was used that he, Waddell, was stabbed on the hip and on the arm by the knife in the hands of Smith.

Smith was brought to the home of his brothers here in town.

Waddell was arrested on a warrant sworn out, charging him with the crime, and is being held in the county jail pending the results of Smith's wound.

LONG CRUISE COMING TO AN END.

Admiral Sperry with his fleet of battleships and cruisers, left Gibraltar, an English port last Saturday, and is today on his way back to Hampton Roads, from whence they departed four or five months ago. The fleet will have sailed about 45 thousand miles on their long trip around the world.

The Admiral says that through the loss of their coal merchants and accompanying repairs, ship the vessels have been kept up to a high state of efficiency and that today they are really better prepared for battle than they were when they departed.

The cruise has proven a great success in many ways and proves the efficiency of our new navy.

The fleet is expected to reach home about the 22nd inst.

FALL OFF IN POLL TAX.

The 1908 poll taxes paid in Pike shows a falling off from the year before of 131. There were sold last year 1907, amount 117 this year before.

We may be able to give the number paid in Houston some time next summer. If there was an increase on the people of it is that of a society official, he says, away from the courthouse.

GROSS EARNINGS OF CENTRAL OF GEORGIA

Estimated gross revenues of the company for the year, compared with the gross revenue for the same periods of the previous years:

March 1, 1908, 1,245,151; 1899, 1,914,411; increase, 574,260.
Gross revenues—
March 1, 1908, 1,245,151; 1909, 1,914,411; increase, 669,260.
Month of January, 1909, 190,100; 1908, 187,100; increase, 3,000.
July 1 to Jan. 31, 1909, 1,914,411; same time last year, 1,722,200; decrease 192,211.

CHILDREN PLAYING WITH FIRE AGAIN.

The fire department was called out to the home of Mr. John Jones yesterday evening about 5 o'clock to put out a fire at the back of his barn, which had been kindled by a lot of children.

These children, while playing in a house of their own building, decided they needed a fire a make their play at house-keeping more real, allowed the blaze to burn up their house, made of corn sticks, which also set the barn on fire.

The department arrived on the scene in time to save everything, except the miniature house, which had been built by the hands of the children.

This is the second fire in town originating in this way, which the department has responded to recently.

LOOK OUT FOR IT.

On the 22nd of this month, Mrs. Hunt, the society editor of the Eagle, wants to run the paper for the day. We have decided that it would be a good idea; that we might step aside for even one day, buying some one in command to whom to charge up errors and shortages. In order to make it interesting, she will solicit advertising to be run that day, and you won't want to turn her down. If you have space in the paper, that's all right. Give another ad for that day.

FOUND THE MULE.

J. P. Dawsey was here this morning, going round and round because some one had stolen a mule from him the other day, and mules are few now. The mule was stolen from his farm four miles from town, and about the 1st of a line of advertisement information came from a cousin that the mule was in a Blackwell's stables. Never heard the particulars, but it is possible the party tried to dispose of the mule there and was caught.

WILL MOVE BACK TO DOTHAN.

Mr. C. R. Poole, an old Dothan merchant who moved away from here last year seeking a better location, has decided that his move was a mistake and will come back with his family, who are now up in middle Georgia, and make this city his home again.

Mr. Poole is at present engaged in selling musical instruments.

THROWN FROM BICYCLE.

Mr. Joe Harrison, while riding his bicycle yesterday evening, had a collision with a dog and was thrown with great force upon the ground, fracturing one of his wrists. Joe has been laid up today on account of his fall.

NO WONDER.

"You love long rambles in the country?" asked the girl in the white sweater.

"Yes, indeed," responded the young man in the green hat with the purple band, and buckled shoes. "When I go out in the country all nature seems to smile." "Gracious! I don't blame her. It is a wonder she doesn't laugh outright."—Kansas City Independent.

The people are getting the reading habit more each day. When the daily goes into the home for a week, it keeps going.

FIRST MEETING OF NEW BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The new Board of County Commissioners met in the courthouse today, for the first time to transact the County's business. We did not learn what important business, if any, came up before the new Board, as we went to press before they did much.

The old Board of County Commissioners were in also, and met with and to explain to the new Board, any knotty questions which might come up; and probably acquaint the incoming officials with the policy which has heretofore guided them in the management of the County affairs.

Mrs. Martin Farmer, of Samson, came up to Dothan Saturday evening, to visit friends here, and returned home this morning.

After all, when hearts are sunny There's no room for vain regret And despite its pain, I'm thinking Life is well worth living yet. Though we never be so happy As we were in days gone by, There's the same old sun a-shining And the same blue in the sky!

Shoes for Men—
Shoes for Ladies—
Shoes for Girls—
Shoes for Boys—
Shoes for Babies—
All being sold at less than actual wholesale cost. Come early as we are in business eight days more only. Economy 5 and 10c Store.

Just Received

Nice line of pretty Bordered Goods, such as Linens, Ginghams, Calicoes, and Chambrays. Prettiest goods in town in staple and fancy. All guaranteed colors, you should see Them and get our prices before you buy.

We also have some very pretty Bordered Linen and Silk for Ladies Shirt waist and our prices is the very lowest give us a call.

J. M. Brown and Son.

First National Bank Of Dothan

UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY

Capital Stock \$250,000.00
Surplus 50,000.00
Stockholders' Liabilities 250,000.00

Total \$550,000.00
The largest bank in Southeast Alabama. Your business is solicited. Courteous treatment extended.

C. Cornsfield, President. E. R. Malone, Vice-President.
H. Malone, Cashier. R. H. Boyd, Assistant Cashier.

Think Three Times About Spring Clothes

Think quality, think style, think reputation. Then buy Parker-Ezelle clothes which are always distinctive and clothes that make the gents have gentlemanly appearances.

PARKER & EZELLE

Haberdashers and Tailors

Look Out For My Big Sale Ad.

Goods must go, and you are to be the beneficiary. I have had my profit on the first sold and now it comes your time.

M. CHERRY

Society

and Items of
Interest of Women

MRS. KATE DOWNING GHENT
Telephone 289.

I know we are building our heaven
As we journey along by the way;
Each thought is a nail that is
driven
In structures that cannot decay
And the mansions at last shall be
given
To us as we build it today.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

A heartfelt smile, a gentle tone,
A thoughtful word, a tender
touch,
A passing act of kindness done,
'Tis all, but it is much
—Selected

Will you face this great fact,
that your life is making or mar-
ring others, and that you are re-
sponsible?
—G. Campbell Morgan.

Services at First Baptist Church.

Those who attended services
at the first Baptist church on yes-
terday morning enjoyed one of
Rev. W. M. Anderson's most able
sermons.

He selected for his text, "Peter's
Shadow," and in his theme
brought out the effect of the good
or evil shadow that we, in every
day life cast upon those with
whom we come in contact, and in
his gentle, tender way, he
admonished his people to be care-
ful of their every day walk
through life, that no shadow would
be cast that would bring moments
of pain or bitterness into the life
of others; but to so live that we,
like Peter, would only cast a
shadow which would prove a
blessing.

We were also given a treat in
the musical program at both ser-
vices, in the morning, the anthem,
"There is a wideness in God's
Mercy," which was so well ren-
dered that no one spoke of it
but to praise; and at the evening
service, the solo by Mrs. Sule,
"The Land of My Dreams," and
the anthem, "The Voice of Many
Nations," were equally well en-
joyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Cotton Entertain at Dinner.

On Saturday, February 6th, at
the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo.
Cotton on Rose Hill, a birthday
dinner was given in honor of their
father, Mr. M. Cody who had
the pleasure of celebrating his
eighty-second birthday.

Mr. Cody, although one of the
oldest citizens of Dothan in years,
has still a youthful heart and en-
joyable life. He was on his birth-
day, one of the happiest present
and received congratulations both
verbal and written, in a most
pleasant manner.

After partaking of the elegant
repast the guests assembled in the
parlor and at Mr. Cody's request
Miss Ishay Cotton played and al-
joined in singing the old hymn
which has always been his favor-
ite of all hymns, "Standing on the
Promises." At the conclusion
Mr. Cody asked his pastor to of-
fer a few words of prayer. Mr.
Anderson, in a low, subdued voice,
tenderly besought the Father to
bless, guide, and guard this faith-
ful child of God during the re-
minder of his journey through
life's closing scenes, that when
the hour arrives for "crossing the
bar," He pilot him safely to the
other shore where there will be
loved ones to greet him, and where
there will be no more partings.

All Dothan joins in wishing Mr.
Cody many more pleasant birth-
days.

Tributes to Motherhood.

The best men of all ages have
been glad to pay high tribute to
motherhood, and volumes might
be written of men of the highest
distinction who have been tender-
ly considerate of their old mothers.
The well-reared boy will always
be a dutiful and affectionate son,
no matter how old he may be, nor
how far he may surpass his mother
in worldly honor and glory, and
many a man who has thus risen
to the highest distinction has been

glad to say, as John Adams said
when he was President of the
United States: "All I am my moth-
er made me."

"What is wanting," said Napo-
leon one day to Madame Campan,
"in order that the youth of France
be well educated?"

"Good mothers," was the re-
ply.
Napoleon was greatly impressed
by the reply and he said:
"Here is a system in a word."

There is an old play in which one
of the speakers offers this pro-
found truth:

"The mother in her office holds
the key of the soul."

And it was Columbus who ex-
claimed to the world this compli-
ment:

"A mother is a mother still.
The holiest thing alive."

The novels of Dickens contain
many tributes to motherhood, and
one of them he says:

"I think it must some day be
written that the virtues of moth-
ers, shall be occasionally visited
on their children as well as the
as of the father."

The educational influence and
power of the mother is attested to
by Herbert in this saying:

"One good mother is worth a
dozen school masters."

The abiding, the untiring love
of the true mother for her child
has never more forcibly or more
pathetically expressed than by
Washington Irving when he says:

"A father may turn his back
on his child, brothers and sisters
may become indifferent, un-
willing husbands may desert their
wives, but a mother's love endures through all
in good repute, in bad repute, in
the face of the world's condemna-
tion, a mother still loves on, and
still hopes that her child may turn
from his evil ways and repent,
still she remembers the infant
smiles that once filled her bosom
with rapture, the merry laugh, the
joyful shout of childhood. The
opening promise of his youth,
and she can never be brought to
think him all unworthy."

Mr. R. T. Hughes of Eto was
here today.

E. C. (Glover) in Helena was
in Dothan today on business.

Trouble's Foe.

Let him pass you by;
You can defeat him every time.
It can't only try.

HOUSES FOR SALE.

BUY NOW.

1. 3 room bldg. and lot on
N. 1st St. bet. 1st & 2nd Sts.
W. 1st St. bet. 1st & 2nd Sts.
2. 3 room bldg. and lot on
N. 1st St. bet. 1st & 2nd Sts.
W. 1st St. bet. 1st & 2nd Sts.
3. 3 room bldg. and lot on
N. 1st St. bet. 1st & 2nd Sts.
W. 1st St. bet. 1st & 2nd Sts.
4. 3 room bldg. and lot on
N. 1st St. bet. 1st & 2nd Sts.
W. 1st St. bet. 1st & 2nd Sts.
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N. 1st St. bet. 1st & 2nd Sts.
W. 1st St. bet. 1st & 2nd Sts.
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W. 1st St. bet. 1st & 2nd Sts.
10. 3 room bldg. and lot on
N. 1st St. bet. 1st & 2nd Sts.
W. 1st St. bet. 1st & 2nd Sts.

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skirt fastener :: :: ::

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Are you avoiding yourself of the
every hazards we are giving.
Everything must be sold and we
are selling goods at less than
wholesale cost. Remember only
eight days more, then our doors
close. Economy 5 and 10c Store.

In speaking of the im-
fox chase the other day, a
hounds therein, two im-
packs were overlooked. The
long to Spann Brothers and
celebrated as having come
Maryland, and Oscar Wi-
pot-tickers, and bugg-eh-
all had a shown down.

Weak Women

frequently suffer great pain and misery during
change of life. It is at this time that the bene-
ficial effects of taking Cardui is most appreciated, by the
who find that it relieves their distress.

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I was afraid to lie down at night. After I began
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gone. I can sleep like a girl of 16 and the change
of life has nearly left me." Try Cardui.

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THE FINE UP-TO-DATE STOCK OF O. F. GREEN, BANKRUPT
GOING AT A GREAT SACRIFICE

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close it out.

SUITS AND OVERCOATS AT HALF PRICE

FORMERLY MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES

Hannan Shoes, \$6 and \$6.50 grade, at	\$4.50
Crossett Shoes, \$5 grade at	\$3.75
Howard Hats, \$3. grade at	\$2.25

This Sale is strictly for CASH Everything Else in Proportion.



J. W. GRANT

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